

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 600**

February 22, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits voters from using mobile electronic devices for audio or video recording or taking photographs of a ballot while inside a polling place.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$800/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-142, voters are prohibited from using mobile communication devices at a polling place for telephone conversations, recording, or taking photographs or videos while inside the polling place.
- The proposed language would specify that a voter was prohibited from audio and video recording as well as photographing a ballot.
- According to the Department of State, posters detailing the permissible uses of mobile devices at the polling places are distributed to each county for display. Passage of this bill will require printing of new posters to identify the prohibited uses of mobile devices and distribution of such new posters to each county. The one-time increase in state expenditures for reprinting posters and distribution is estimated to be \$750.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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